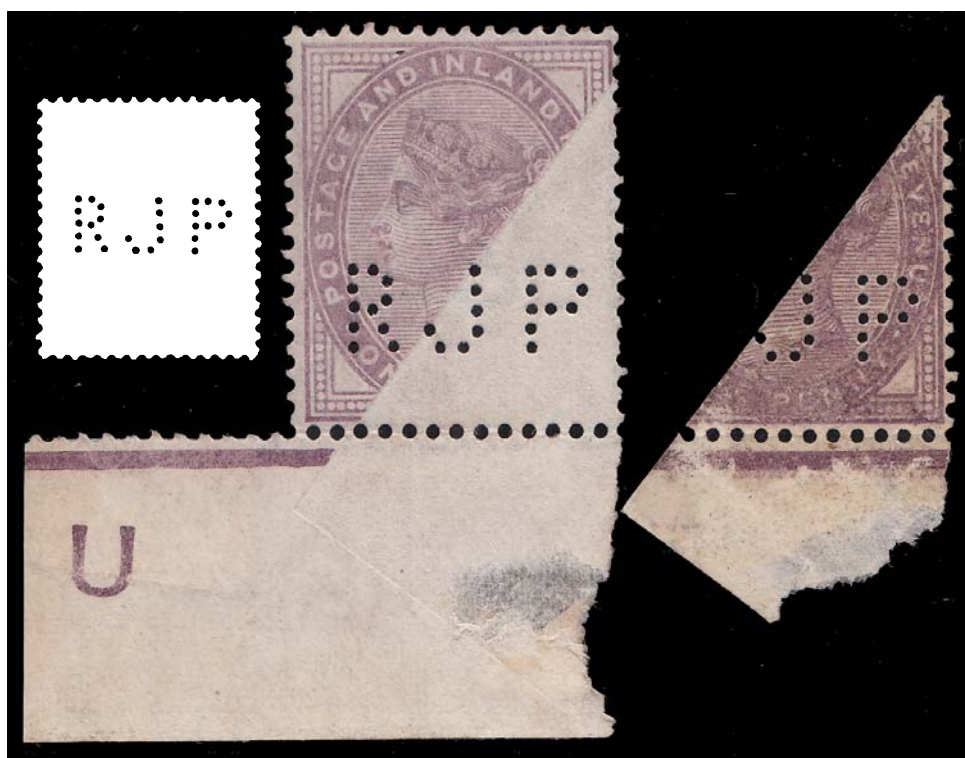


THE ULTIMATE PERFIN ERROR!

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Roy Gault has written about perfin errors and perfins found on stamp errors in Bulletins 390 and 392. Now **John Marriner** has shown me a wonderful piece which trumps them all. Its a mint copy of a 1d lilac with perfin RJP - R3030.01M but as can be seen during printing a piece of paper was stuck on top causing a spectacular printing error. The sheet was then presumably bought at the Post Office and given to the post boy for the perfin to be applied

It's a wonder the extra bit of paper stayed with the sheet long enough for printing, perforation and finally being perfined. Seeing the error, I guess the office boy thought he would keep it as a souvenir thinking it might be worth something one day! The control 'U' puts the printing well into the late 1890's (Feb 1896 - Apr 1897).



Very little is known about this die and nothing about the user. It was used between 1890 and 1905 and is found with London EC cancellations. Minor variations have been reported in the die and patterns on a known pair point to a multi-headed die.